

**CHAPTER 29**  
CLAIMS AGAINST A COUNTY  
*H.F. 201*

**AN ACT** to delete a requirement that claims against a county be verified by the signature of the claimant.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 331.504, subsection 8, Code 1983, is amended to read as follows:

8. File for presentation to the board all unliquidated claims against the county and all claims for fees or compensation, except salaries fixed by state law. The claims, before being audited or paid, shall be itemized to clearly show the basis of the claim and whether for property sold or furnished for services rendered or for another purpose, ~~and shall be signed by the claimant.~~ An action shall not be brought against the county relating to a claim until the claim is filed as provided in this subsection and the payment refused or neglected.

Sec. 2. Section 331.506, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code 1983, is amended to read as follows:

a. For fixed charges including, but not limited to, freight, express, postage, water, light, telephone service or contractual services, after a verified bill is filed with the auditor.

Approved April 26, 1983

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**CHAPTER 30**  
CLASSIFICATION OF LATERAL DITCHES AND DRAINS  
*S.F. 239*

**AN ACT** relating to the simultaneous classification of the main and all laterals of a drainage district when a branch or lateral is improved.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 455.48, subsection 2, Code 1983, is amended to read as follows:

2. When there has been a repair or improvement to a lateral ditch or drain as provided in section 455.135 and the lands benefited by the lateral have not been classified as provided in this section, ~~then~~ the board may order a classification of ~~said~~ the lands and the commission shall ascertain and fix the percentage of benefits and apportionment of costs to the lands benefited by such lateral ditches or drains on the same basis and in the same manner as if ~~said~~